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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/104,123
Filing Date	June 24, 1998
First Named Inventor	Roberto J. Rioja
Group Art Unit	1742
Examiner Name	Sikyin Ip
Attorney Docket Number	97-2301

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2556
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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AMENDMENT

March 20, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please enter the following Amendment.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1 and 12 as follows:

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1. (Twice amended) An aluminum alloy consisting essentially of from about 3 to about 4.5 wt % copper, from about 1.0 to about 2 wt % magnesium and from about 0.01 to about 0.99 wt % lithium, wherein the copper, magnesium and lithium are present in the aluminum alloy in the form of a solid solution, and the amounts of copper and magnesium correspond to the formula $Cu_{(-3/5.4)}(Mg-6)+1.5$.

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12. (Twice amended) An aluminum alloy consisting essentially of copper, magnesium and lithium, the lithium content being from about 0.01 to 0.99 wt % and the copper and magnesium weight percent values falling within a closed area on a graph with wt % copper on the x-axis and wt % magnesium on the y-axis, said closed area being bounded by generally straight lines joining the following points: